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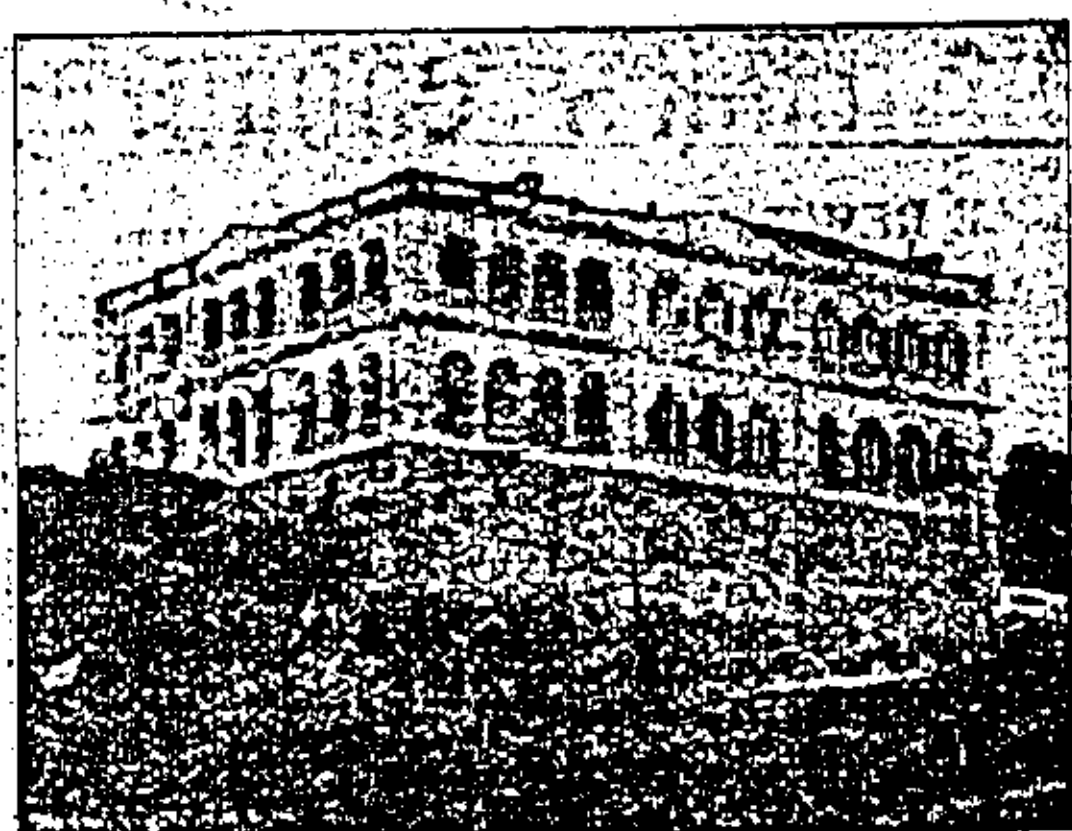
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Behaviour of the Invaders.

The Times Special Correspondent with
the Russian Armies gives below an in-
teresting description of conditions in
Galicia under its new masters. He notes
the exemplary conduct of the victorious
soldiers in the region of Halicz, and
lays emphasis upon the peaceful aspect
of the countryside which had been so
recently traversed by the Russian
Army.

Halicz, Galicia, Oct. 15.

We left Lemberg early this morning
for a tour of inspection in the country
which is now occupied by the Russians
and through which the army under
Dukhoborski moved in the early phases of
the campaign. While it is true that one
cannot see the fighting in progress to visit
the spots where there was fighting six
weeks ago, it is also true that the first
day of this tour through Galicia has been
an extremely interesting one. The facts
obtained are in their fundamental im-
portance quite as useful as details of
battle operations. After all, war itself
is but the culmination of preceding
events, and it is vitally important only in
that it prefigures other changes that are
to come. The battles are merely the
visible outcroppings of much greater
forces. Here in Galicia we have the
general situation during the present
war, and the time that has passed since
the actual fighting took place is suffi-
ciently long to give one a little perspec-
tive as to the Russian Army itself both
in its battles here and in its conduct
since these battles. On so huge a scale
is everything being conducted that it
is perfectly futile to do more than gen-
eralize at this time; the detailed story
must require much assembling before
anything like an accurate narrative can
be told. I shall not, therefore, attempt
now to give anything but a very super-
ficial account of impressions. I believe,
however, that the country through which
we have to-day travelled may be fairly
taken as a typical cross-section of the
general situation all over Eastern Galicia,
and as such it is not without interest.

COURTESY TO THE PRESS.

It was a perfect autumn morning
as one could wish to experience. The
air was fresh and bracing; the frost was
still on the grass and the turning leaves
made a gorgeous picture of autumn col-
ouring in this beautiful landscape. At
the station we found that our Colonel
had provided a special train for us. I
was impressed by the extraordinary effort
that is being made by the Russian au-
thorities to give us all that they can
without endangering what they believe
to be their best interests. To-day, for
instance, when engines fitted to the Aus-
trian gauge and carriages to fit with them
are about as scarce as hens' teeth, a
train composed of an altered Russian
engine and two carriages snatched from
the service for the wounded and urgent
communication with the front was placed
at our disposal. A third class carriage
filled with soldiers as a guard for us was
attached and sentries with fixed bayonets
were in our own carriages (for the
country is still an enemy's one, no
doubt). Thus we set out.Our first stop was at Slopow, just out-
side Lemberg, where was one of the re-
siduals in the line of resistance that sur-
rounds this town. This was one of the
points made untenable by an enveloping
movement, and hence was abandoned
without any effective resistance. It was
a textbook fortification with all the fail-
ure of battle, very unimpressive, but the
military professors of highly recommend.
Next we stopped to look at an ancient
castle, but the walls, statements of our
guide that it was 300 years old failed
to arouse any enthusiasm among the
youngsters looking for blood and
glory. We proceeded to run along the
Lemberg Street. We were then taken to
see miles on the line to a point where
the Russian troops had been driven back.BEHIND THE VEIL IN
BELGIUM.Journalist's Journey on Red
Cross Train.GLIMPSES OF THE HAVOC wrought BY
GERMANS.The veil that hides what is happening
behind the German Army in Belgium is
partly lifted in a description by Mr. Axel
Brundage, a Danish journalist, of an 18
hour journey on a German Red Cross train
from Brussels to Aix-la-Chapelle, passing
through Malines and Liege. In peace
times the journey takes two or three hours.
He said:I got permission to travel by the 3.23
p.m. train from the Gare du Nord. It was
as low Red Cross train, filled with slightly
wounded. All the military hospitals at
Brussels are still overcrowded, and Red
Cross trains are running day and
night from Belgium into Germany. The
German run excellently equipped ex-
press trains for the most part, and these
overtake the slow trains with the
slightly wounded at the big junctions.
At nearly every other station we were
shunted into siding to let the express
Red Cross train pass.The little town of Herent, where there
was a station stop, was a heap of
smoking ruins. In the station next Louvain
I saw many of the smashed locomotives and
trains which the Belgians had sent on their
mad race of destruction against the ap-
proaching Germans. Malines was a ruin, too,
but it did not seem to me that it had
suffered more than Louvain.

IN RUINED LOUVAIN.

I left the train for a little while at
Louvain and wandered through the half-
burnt city. The German soldiers were
raking over the ruins and clearing them away,
and the Belgian inhabitants, who refused to
work for them, were sitting idly at them
with a look of unutterable misery.There was a great commotion in Lou-
vain when it was discovered that we had
come. French prisoners on the train.
Everyone struggled to see them. They
were, as far as I could see, well treated,
although they were standing at a bayonet
point. One of the English officers,
who travelled second class, asked me for
a match to light his pipe, and I had to
give special permission from a German
officer. Prisoners are not allowed to carry
matches.We reached Liege at night, but the
whole town was ablaze with electric search-
lights sweeping the sky for hostile aeroplane.
The bridge over the Meuse, which the
Belgians had not time to blow up, and
which has since become a vital link in
the German line of communications, was
very strongly guarded.At this point one of the young German
officers in the train faintly asked me what
I thought of it. "It is no wonder," says an
old white-headed major, who is also one
of the wounded. "He has been to the
front three times and has been wounded
three times. The next time he will prob-
ably get the iron cross."Barbaric troops were guarding the
railway. Some of them were wearing the
light blue coats of the Belgians. The train
travelled so slowly that we were able to
throw them newspapers and signs. They
complained terribly about the cold weather
and the lack of food. I could quite under-
stand that coming from a Bavarian. Along
the line they had built wooden huts for
themselves. I noticed one called "Villa
Good Hope" another "Villa Sa Sa Socié."
I saw scarecrows, made of Belgian and
French uniforms, in the fields. These were
very grotesque, being stuffed with straw,
with cabbage heads, and the French shako
stock on top. The Germans said they put
them up to frighten away the enemy.

TRAINS OF MYSTERY.

I saw other trains—trains of mystery
—every inch of them guarded, and two or
three soldiers ready to shoot anyone who
ventured to lift up the edge of the tarpaulin
and peep inside. There are the sub-
marine, it was whispered along our train.
"They are going to the east. Or else, ah,
who knows!"Still a train was wrapped in tarpaulin,
with armed soldiers standing on the top.
Strange fantastic forms are hidden beneath
the tarpaulin. The forms are high and
oddly shaped. The wind "Cahin" is
scattered on the tarpaulin. "Ah," it is
again whispered along the train, this must
be the 52-centimetre gun! I laugh. A
German is sure to say: "No, no, no, no."
I travelled with some wounded English
and German officers, and we had pleasant
chats together on the railway journey. One
of the Germans told me a wonderful story
of two combatants who recognized each
other on the battlefield. "He said and
English soldier named Nick, or Ned—he
forgot which—belonging to a family called
a 'great international family'—was dashed
to the ground by a German shell. His leg
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In-shed, accompanied by an officer. I
"however, inclined to believe the
version as stated, for in every yard were
shockers, and on the outskirts of the
town were stacks of grain in the fields.
Evidently, then, there was no pillaging
here. Besides, the manner and faces
of the people evidenced neither fear nor
suspicion of the troops quartered in the
place, and with the possible exception
of the Jews there was not a sign of
hostile glances. These one must admit
looked pretty nutty, though on all occa-
sions they were civilly polite.

A PEACEFUL COUNTRY.

With the exception of a few villages
where fighting took place everything
seems absolutely normal. Geese, pigs,
chickens, and ponies are numerous in
every town and village, while the whole
valley seems to support stock; which one
sees in almost every field. Much of the
grain is still in the stack, and the fields
were full of women ploughing and
gathering in the corn. There is nothing
to suggest that a ruthless army hun-
dered hundreds of thousands have swept
through here, and this fact is significant
of the restraint and discipline of the
invaders.The country here is perfectly beautiful,
and the towns, with their varied architec-
ture and more than varied population,
are picturesque to a degree. Certainly
none of these quaint villages ever had a
definite conception of modern war or
anything outside their peaceful valley
until the chaos of world war swept
through their town a few weeks ago.BEHIND THE VEIL IN
BELGIUM.Journalist's Journey on Red
Cross Train.GLIMPSES OF THE HAVOC wrought BY
GERMANS.The veil that hides what is happening
behind the German Army in Belgium is
partly lifted in a description by Mr. Axel
Brundage, a Danish journalist, of an 18
hour journey on a German Red Cross train
from Brussels to Aix-la-Chapelle, passing
through Malines and Liege. In peace
times the journey takes two or three hours.
He said:I got permission to travel by the 3.23
p.m. train from the Gare du Nord. It was
as low Red Cross train, filled with slightly
wounded. All the military hospitals at
Brussels are still overcrowded, and Red
Cross trains are running day and
night from Belgium into Germany. The
German run excellently equipped ex-
press trains for the most part, and these
overtake the slow trains with the
slightly wounded at the big junctions.
At nearly every other station we were
shunted into siding to let the express
Red Cross train pass.The little town of Herent, where there
was a station stop, was a heap of
smoking ruins. In the station next Louvain
I saw many of the smashed locomotives and
trains which the Belgians had sent on their
mad race of destruction against the ap-
proaching Germans. Malines was a ruin, too,
but it did not seem to me that it had
suffered more than Louvain.

IN RUINED LOUVAIN.

I left the train for a little while at
Louvain and wandered through the half-
burnt city. The German soldiers were
raking over the ruins and clearing them away,
and the Belgian inhabitants, who refused to
work for them, were sitting idly at them
with a look of unutterable misery.There was a great commotion in Lou-
vain when it was discovered that we had
come. French prisoners on the train.
Everyone struggled to see them. They
were, as far as I could see, well treated,
although they were standing at a bayonet
point. One of the English officers,
who travelled second class, asked me for
a match to light his pipe, and I had to
give special permission from a German
officer. Prisoners are not allowed to carry
matches.We reached Liege at night, but the
whole town was ablaze with electric search-
lights sweeping the sky for hostile aeroplane.
The bridge over the Meuse, which the
Belgians had not time to blow up, and
which has since become a vital link in
the German line of communications, was
very strongly guarded.At this point one of the young German
officers in the train faintly asked me what
I thought of it. "It is no wonder," says an
old white-headed major, who is also one
of the wounded. "He has been to the
front three times and has been wounded
three times. The next time he will prob-
ably get the iron cross."Barbaric troops were guarding the
railway. Some of them were wearing the
light blue coats of the Belgians. The train
travelled so slowly that we were able to
throw them newspapers and signs. They
complained terribly about the cold weather
and the lack of food. I could quite under-
stand that coming from a Bavarian. Along
the line they had built wooden huts for
themselves. I noticed one called "Villa
Good Hope" another "Villa Sa Sa Socié."
I saw scarecrows, made of Belgian and
French uniforms, in the fields. These were
very grotesque, being stuffed with straw,
with cabbage heads, and the French shako
stock on top. The Germans said they put
them up to frighten away the enemy.

TRAINS OF MYSTERY.

I saw other trains—trains of mystery
—every inch of them guarded, and two or
three soldiers ready to shoot anyone who
ventured to lift up the edge of the tarpaulin
and peep inside. There are the sub-
marine, it was whispered along our train.
"They are going to the east. Or else, ah,
who knows!"Still a train was wrapped in tarpaulin,
with armed soldiers standing on the top.
Strange fantastic forms are hidden beneath
the tarpaulin. The forms are high and
oddly shaped. The wind "Cahin" is
scattered on the tarpaulin. "Ah," it is
again whispered along the train, this must
be the 52-centimetre gun! I laugh. A
German is sure to say: "No, no, no, no."
I travelled with some wounded English
and German officers, and we had pleasant
chats together on the railway journey. One
of the Germans told me a wonderful story
of two combatants who recognized each
other on the battlefield. "He said and
English soldier named Nick, or Ned—he
forgot which—belonging to a family called
a 'great international family'—was dashed
to the ground by a German shell. His leg
was broken."aim was smashed. But before that happen-
ed he pulled out his pistol and shot the
officer in charge of a German battery, who
dropped off his horse.The two officers, I understood on
the ground. When they awoke in the
hospital their beds were side by side.
They recognized each other in these
circumstances. They were coming to a
conviction, according to the German officer,
is serving with the French army at the
Aisne River.I saw many interesting sights through
the carriage window. After leaving the
Gare du Nord, which was very strongly
guarded, we were shunted into a siding,
and our train was overtaken by transport
—open trucks with countless field kitchens,
meters—tables in fact of every kind.We were passed by a very long train
conveying the skeletons of the Zep-
peline, and the "Zeppelin" sheds, which
are being built at Liege, Antwerp, and
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MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.
H.K. Cricket Club v. H.K. Civil
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9.15 p.m. "Snowwhite and the Frog
Prince" by the A.D.C. at Theatre
Royal.

General Memoranda
SUNDAY, January 10.—
Field Day for V. Officers and Reserve.
TUESDAY, January 12.—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture, etc.,
at Messrs. High and Sloane's.
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, Jan. 15 & 16.—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Chinese
Porcelains, Brasses, etc., at Messrs.
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LORD KITCHENER'S STATEMENT.
JUDGMENT by the telegraphic summary of Lord Kitchener's statement in the House of Lords on Wednesday, his Lordship, speaking in his capacity of Secretary of State for War, had nothing to say that could possibly be described as being of special importance. The statement was a plain, unvarnished tale of how matters relating to the great struggle present themselves to our great military or general at the present time. Soldier-like, Lord Kitchener said what he had to say as precisely and as briefly as possible. As to the recent fighting in France and Belgium there was nothing more to comment upon than the "ebb and flow" that has characterized it, for no one who has read the telegrams even casually can reasonably conclude that there has been much in favour of either side. During the past few days, the Allies appear to have been making some progress, slight but satisfactory, but it has not been of such a nature as to justify Lord Kitchener dwelling upon it. The tide of battle has ebbed and flowed with varying success in his Lordship's summing up of the struggle since he last addressed the House of Lords and, as stated, none is likely to dispute his view. Unerringly, Lord Kitchener strikes at the root of the matter when he says that "Germany's initial advantage lay in her numerical superiority and in her extensive war preparations." That is why the Germans, after recovering from the shock to their conceit administered by the Belgians at Liege, were able practically to over-run Belgium in so short a period; and that is why, since then, they have been able to retain it. Every man of their gigantic army was ready to rush to his post, and the preparations of years of waiting for the most favourable opportunity to present itself were at his disposal. Great Britain, France, and Russia had not been negligent in their respective country's defence, but none of these countries had had the famous ambition to prepare to dominate Europe. Germany's preparations were on an unprecedented large scale, and therefore it is small wonder that she has been able to hold out against the strong forces opposing her. Bernhardt in his book states that Germany was prepared, if necessary, to face the most formidable opposition possible. So it would, therefore, that even the combined efforts of the Allies have been severely taxed. Now, however, this initial advantage is fast becoming equalized and will soon be reversed. The Germans, with a prodigality that has been appalling to say nothing of being misanthropic to themselves, are fast exhausting their resources in men, money and munitions, while the Allies are not only carefully using what is at their disposal but they are daily increasing it. Soon Lord Kitchener's

army will take the field with zest; and that they will put a different complexion upon the situation in France and Belgium is almost certain. The Germans can at present only be ousted from their strong entrenchments by hand to hand fighting and for that purpose the Allies must have larger numbers of men than at present. As stated, this will soon be remedied. Lord Kitchener took the opportunity of paying a well-merited tribute to what had been done so ably by General Botha. On his eminent statesman-soldier, it has been conclusively proved, that the British Empire can place absolute reliance. His Lordship referred in eulogistic terms to Serbia's gallant deeds and to Russia's splendid defeat of the Turks. Though he might pardonably have dwelt at greater length upon the progress of the Allies and of their achievements, it will be observed that his Lordship's statement is of a sober and calm character. There is, however, in it a note of quiet confidence that is very reassuring. What Lord Kitchener has to say regarding the recruiting in the United Kingdom is likewise of a very satisfactory nature and goes to prove that there is no need for much of the pessimism that has been rife in certain quarters. The men, money, and munitions are there and will be forthcoming when wanted. Meantime fully a million and a half of men are available and of that number at least one million are in active training. In every respect, therefore, Lord Kitchener's statement makes it clear that everything is going well with the Allies at present and their prospects are of the best for the future.

A STRANGE MIX UP.
The Magistrate by this morning, the defence put forward by a Chinese, alleged to have been in unlawful possession of a bottle of cotton yarn, was somewhat remarkable. The constable and he saw the defendant who, along with another man, was carrying the bundle. These actions were most suspicious, and he therefore arrested defendant on a charge of being in unlawful possession of the cotton yarn. The other man ran away. Defendant told Mr. W. that he understood the constable arrested a man who spoke the Cheung Chan dialect, and as the constable could not speak that dialect, he called him (the defendant) to act as interpreter when he arrested him. Evidence was called for the defence to the effect that defendant was washing his face at the time he was apprehended. The constable recalled said he went to the house after he had made a report at the station. He had taken defendant to the station, and he was released because he denied being the man wanted. The Magistrate said he was not satisfied and discharged the defendant at the same time instructing Sergt. Grant to retain possession of the yarn until it was claimed.

THE FAIRY BALLET.
It is to be noted with much pleasure that a second evening performance of "Snow-white and the Frog Prince" is to be given at the Theatre Royal on Sunday next. Apart from the sumptuous manner in which the Ballet is mounted—many visitors have expressed their surprise on hearing that the production is an amateur one. It must not be forgotten that the proceeds are to be devoted to a very excellent cause in the Belgian Relief Fund. It is not so very long ago that refugees from that country of our gallant Allies were arriving in England at the rate of 700 per day. Many of them arrived with nothing more than the clothes they were wearing and the work of the committee was to find them food, clothing, and shelter. A committee was raised under the presidency of Lord Gladstone to raise funds with which to render assistance. The Hon. Secretary of the Committee is Lady Evelyn de Villars, and it is very rare that the amount raised by the production of "Snow-white and the Frog Prince" should be contributed to the Belgian Relief Fund through the medium of the wife of a former Governor of Hongkong.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

THE SITUATION IN INDIA.
SPLENDID RECRUITING.

RUSSIANS ANNIHILATE WITH THE BAYONET.

AIRSHIPS ACTIVE IN NORTH FRANCE.

THE POSITION IN INDIA.

The following telegram has been received by General Kelly from the Chief of the General Staff, Delhi:—

DELHI, Jan. 7, 4.30 p.m.

Situation continues satisfactory. The following figures show the excellent state of recruiting:—

The annual average number of recruits enlisted for last five years is approximately 15,000; the number enlisted during four months ending 31st December approximately 27,000.

The returned wounded from Europe and elsewhere show excellent spirit and keenness to proceed again to front.

LORD KITCHENER'S STATEMENT.

ALLIES DAILY INCREASING THEIR RESOURCES.

LONDON, Jan. 7.

Lord Kitchener continuing his statement in the House of Lords (the first portion of which we published yesterday)—said that the German initial advantage—her numerical superiority in the field, and her extensive preparation for war—was certainly diminishing, while the Allies were daily increasing their resources both of men and material, and this would enable them to prosecute the war to a triumphant end. (Loud cheers.) Since Christmas, he was happy to be able to report, recruiting had much improved and had almost reached its former satisfactory level. There was every reason to anticipate fruitful results from the valuable Parliamentary recruiting campaign, which had already secured 216,000 offers of enlistment. The officers' cadres for the Expeditionary Force had been completed, and there was a considerable surplus of officers for training purposes. Indeed, since the beginning of the War 29,100 officers had been appointed.

He was glad to be in a position to announce that owing to the efforts made by the War Office they had succeeded in gradually overcoming the difficulties that had been experienced in connection with the equipment of the New Army, towards which he looked with every confidence.

Despite the terrible weather conditions, the training of the Canadian contingent was proceeding satisfactorily. The officers and men were imbued with a fine spirit of patriotism and were full of eagerness to get to the front, where, he was confident, they would worthily support their gallant comrades. (Loud cheers.)

Lord Curzon urged that the utmost number of men should be sent to the front with the least delay. He believed that considerably more than two millions would be needed, possibly nearer three millions. His Lordship expressed the utmost satisfaction with recent events in Europe and paid a tribute to the Indian troops. He hoped their numbers were being maintained.

Lord Kitchener replied in the affirmative.

PRESS COMMENTS ON THE SPEECH.

The Press of all shades of opinion welcome Lord Kitchener's statement, which is described as being dominated by a note of sober confidence. There is, however, a general disposition to regret the paucity of detailed information, particularly in regard to the subject of recruiting. The articles in the newspapers lay special stress upon the encouraging response which has been received to the call for officers—a response which disposes of the German argument that Great Britain would never be able to find sufficient leaders for her increased force.

The Press likewise pays a warm tribute to the work of the troops in the Colonies, which, it says, is no less praiseworthy than that performed by those troops who are fighting in Flanders.

THE STRUGGLE IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

LONDON, Jan. 7, 2.00 a.m.

The evening communiqué issued at Paris reports:—A lively cannonade occurred in the region of Zillebeke. Our positions were maintained in Argonne and we progressed slightly in Shertzbach wood near Altkirch.

AIRSHIPS ACTIVE.

6.15 a.m.

The Times correspondent in Flanders states that three Zeppelins were reported on Wednesday morning to have been seen off the coast between Calais and Gravelines. German airmen repeatedly appeared over Dunkirk during the day. Possibly they were scouts covering the movements of airships, for they dropped only one bomb. Twice the intruders were driven off by the airmen of the Allies.

THE LOSS OF THE "FORMIDABLE."

The Casualties.

LONDON, Jan. 7.

The Admiralty have issued a list giving the names of 517 men who were lost by the foundering of H.M.S. Formidable. According to the German newspapers wireless information has been received that a submarine sank H.M.S. Formidable. Although pursued by British destroyers the submarine made good its escape.

BELGIAN ARCHBISHOP ARRESTED.

The Viceroy Arrested.

LONDON, Jan. 6, 2.20 a.m.

The arrest of Cardinal Desiré Mercier, Archbishop of Mechlin (who is a Belgian), was taken in 1851 and was arrested in 1907. He has caused a profound impression in Belgium. Papal circles are astonished and can hardly believe that Germany would be guilty of such an act.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Havas Telegram, Jan. 6, 6.20 a.m.

French Stocks stand at 73.25.

We repulsed two attacks in Belgium. Our Artillery destroyed and silenced in the Aisne Valley, and also in the Rhin section, batteries of the enemy. We progressed 100 metres north-west of Rheims. In a fierce action in Argonne, we retaken 300 metres of trenches. We repulsed two very violent attacks, blowing up 600 metres of German trenches and occupying half of them. We continued to progress in La Frette Wood. The Russians are doing very good work. The Turks were decisively defeated by the Russians in the Sarykainich region where four Generals and an Army Corps were captured. The Russians routed another Army Corps and are pursuing energetically.

(Official Telegram from French Government via Peking.)

Circular No. 125 states that the Germans delivered two attacks in the sand hills region in Belgium, south-east of St. George's during the night of the 4th, the attacks being repulsed the following day. The French progressed about 100 metres at Cavilliers de Courcy, in the region of Rheims. Very heavy fighting took place in Argonne. The French again took up 300 metres of German trenches in Lagrange woods where a slight retreat had been previously reported on the 2nd January. Two very violent attacks were delivered by parties of the strength of a regiment each, starting from Bagatelle and Fontaine-Madame, but were repulsed. The French blew up 600 metres of German trenches by means of a mine. The Italian Volunteer Regiment commanded by Colonel Gambaldi vigorously attacked the trench thus opened and took 120 prisoners including 12 non-commissioned officers, also a machine gun and one caisson. Chief Adjutant Constantine Garabaldi, the Colonel's brother, was killed during the attack. A French battalion of infantry afterwards occupied and retained 300 metres of trenches. French artillery destroyed three machine guns, inflicting very heavy losses on the Germans, in Le Pette wood. In the vicinity of Pont-A-Mousson the French troops gained ground and blew up an enemy trench. In the Thann region the French positions were maintained, in spite of very violent cannonading, as well as at Steinbach and the trenches south-west and north-east of this village. The Germans succeeded in re-occupying an old trench of theirs on the east flank of Hill 225 whose summit still remains in the hands of the French.

THE OPERATIONS IN THE EASTERN THEATRE.

RUSSIANS ANNIHILATE WITH THE BAYONET.

LONDON, Jan. 6, 11.10 p.m.

A Petrograd communiqué says: Our troops suddenly attacked Przasnysz in the region of Mlawa, and they almost entirely annihilated the enemy there with the bayonet. Some prisoners were taken.

There were only minor engagements on the other fronts. Our progress was continued in Bukovina, where we occupied, after fighting, four towns, two of which lay along the most direct route to Transylvania.

(British Foreign Office Telegrams.)

THE BOMBARDMENT OF DAR-ES-SALAAM.

British warships have bombarded Dar-es-Salaam, causing considerable damage to the town and completely disabling all enemy vessels in the harbour.

Fourteen Europeans and 20 natives were taken prisoners. The British casualties were one killed, and 12 wounded.

[Dar-es-Salaam is a seaport in German East Africa, the only place on the German coast with a well-sheltered harbour. A railway runs from this port to Ujiji, a distance of 743 miles.]

RE-OPENING OF THE LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

LONDON, Jan. 7.

Yesterday was the first day of the re-opening of the London Stock Exchange. A considerable amount of business was done, and, contrary to expectations, buyers were more numerous than sellers.

WAR NEWS.

AN EMDEN RELIC.

MALTA, Nov. 26.

A lifeboat belonging to the s.s. Levat, which was sunk by the Emden, was found drifting about the coast between the ports of Cudalera and Pouchichery a few days ago. A motor launch was sent out from Pouchichery and after several unsuccessful attempts finally managed to tow the lifeboat ashore into Pouchichery, where it now lies at the head of the pier. The boat is in excellent condition, only the rudder being slightly damaged. The boat bears the words "Levat, 1898."

BRITISH WARSHIPS SHELL MIDDLEKERKE.

1,700 Germans Killed.

Despatch telegraphed to the "Daily Mail" from Dunkirk on Nov. 19:—

A week ago the Germans near the coast indicated that the English warships fired upon the houses on the sea front at Middlekerke. They accordingly took up quarters in these houses. Then their scheme became known to the British ships and the houses were suddenly bombarded severely by five vessels at once. The German casualties were enormous. A scouting officer estimates the number killed at 1,700.

German aeroplanes to-day dropped two bombs over Cassel, killing a woman and a child. (New York Herald.)

H.M.S. WARRIOR'S GREAT HAUL.

Signallerment Der Williams, of H.M.S. "Warrior," now in the Mediterranean, has sent home an interesting letter dated November 6, in which he gives an account of some work his ship did recently at Port Said. The "Warrior," made a great haul of German and Austrian vessels which had been ordered out of Port Said, and the Germans launched their attack, the shells whistling without cessation from early morning until noon. The main attack ceased about 2 o'clock, but the wounded lay in the trenches until 6 o'clock before they could be got away. German snipers hidden in trees and on the roof of the Red Cross, and a party of the snipers were shooting at burial.

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BAPTISM OF FIRE.

Leaves Herts "Terrors" Whistling and Slinging.

The Herts Territorials put into hot quarters on their arrival at the front, says Private Arthur Garner, of Lechlough, who has just returned home suffering from a shrapnel wound in the arm.

The regiment left on November 7, and were taken to Xpres by motor buses. Xpres was in ruins on their arrival, but the big guns of the enemy still kept dropping shells into it.

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WAR NEWS.

Lieut. the Hon. E. Hardinge, son of the Viceroy of India, died of wounds at Folkestone last month. He had been employed on reconnaissance and had done so well that his work had been brought to the notice of Lieutenant-General Kavanagh. His name was sent to general headquarters for a reward. The King gave him a B.S.O. Meanwhile he was badly wounded and died of blood poisoning.

The Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail writes:—Most of the German warships hitherto at Kiel have been transferred to the N. 24th Sea. Great activity continues at Kiel, where several thousands of mechanics are employed in constructing submarines, waterplanes, and floating batteries. There is less activity, however, upon the five Dreadnoughts under construction.

The Berliner Tageblatt relates that in the Divarian village of Beveren 130 Bavarian soldiers who had taken part in the siege of Antwerp drank 1,485 litres (one litre is approximately 1.75 pints) of beer within two hours. Each Bavarian soldier thus drank in round figures eighteen pints within two hours. The Berliner Tageblatt, which is one of the leading organs of German culture, has no other comment to make than that it was satisfactory to find that Belgium beer was fit for the Bavarian's consumption.

INTERNMENT OF ENEMY ALIENS.

There is no doubt, says the United Services Gazette of Nov. 10, that the feelings of the public from John O'Grady to Lord's End, are every day rising to the danger which exists through German and Austrian subjects being permitted to roam at large, and unless the Government decide to adopt stringent measures towards internment these undesirable during the war or deporting them to their own countries, there will be outbreaks all over the country. If the man responsible for the conciliatory and stupid measures now in force is the Home Secretary then the public will demand a stronger man at the Home Office. These aliens are a continual source of danger and there is no doubt that in some way or other they are communicating with their fellow countrymen on the coast, to which could be very probably to attribute the approach of enemy ships towards our shores. The position of the aliens here and in Germany is totally different. Here we are harbouring men who have undergone military training, but British residents in Germany or Austria are citizens pure and simple and have never handled a rifle in their lives. If Germany finds it necessary to intern our people, surely it is much more important that Germans and Austrians resident here should be placed in a position which would prevent them from injuring us. In particular we hear of an alien which certainly ought not to be permitted, and that is the liberation of enemy aliens who get British subjects to become sureties for large amounts. In practice this means that rich Germans escape detention, while their poorer fellow-Germans will suffer. Danger in this matter is more to be apprehended from wealthy than from poor enemy nationals, because wealthy Germans have the means of corruption to hand, and have also wider sources of information than the humble worker or labourer. This danger of enemy subjects in this country is very much more serious than the Government seem to apprehend, and both the Press and the public should spare no effort to use pressure to obtain efficient and adequate treatment of this matter. At the present time every British male subject in Germany between the ages of seventeen and fifty-five is in prison. This was done on November 6, ostensibly as an act of retaliation, but as we have shown, it only carried out Germany's policy of a stringent precaution adopted at the beginning of the war. Moreover, the British subjects who are below or beyond these age limits are forced to report themselves twice a day to the police and to keep within the small circle marked out for them.

CHINESE SERVANT'S CLAIM.

And Solicitors' Costs.

The action brought in the Summary Court against J. J. Stubbings, of the Hongkong Electric Company, by a servant named Mat Hing for wages and the return of some clothing said to be unlawfully detained was again mentioned before Mr. Justice Gompertz this morning. Plaintiff's claim was for \$270, wages for five days; \$14 in lieu of a month's notice; and \$115 the value of the clothing as an alternative to its return.

Last Friday Mr. P. W. Goldring said defendant (who appeared in person) had returned the clothes and paid \$270 into Court. Plaintiff would accept this in full settlement, but he asked for an order for his costs, which defendant had refused to pay.

When he applied for them by letter defendant returned the writ marked "Nothing doing" which he submitted was most rude. Mr. Stubbings explained that he was playing tennis when the writ arrived, and he intimated that he had a good defence to the claim.

Mr. Goldring stated this morning that he had no further instructions from plaintiff, who had now found more congenial employment.

Mr. D. J. Lewis (Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master) who had been instructed by defendant since the last hearing, said his client was in court with two witnesses. He asked for costs.

His Lordship said he would strike out the case.

Mr. Goldring said part of the claim had been satisfied by the return of the clothes and the payment into court of \$270, which amount Mr. Lewis could take.

Mr. Lewis asked for costs for the day against plaintiff. His Lordship stated last Friday that if Mr. Goldring wanted his costs he must go on with the case and defendant was prepared to go on. He stated to explain the facts when Mr. Goldring objected that they were ex-parte statements.

Mr. Lewis: You are not appearing Mr. Goldring.

His Lordship gave judgment for defendant and ordered the \$270 in court to be applied towards Mr. Lewis's costs, for which an order was made against plaintiff.

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